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STATEMENT OF RECORDS BURNT, MISSING, ETC.,

AND DATE OF QUALIFICATION OF THE FIRST RECORDER, IN THE ORGANIZED COUNTIES OF TEXAS.

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NOTE:—Where no records have been burnt, missing, etc., nothing is stated under that head opposite to the name of the county. Books designated by letters or numbers, are records of deeds, etc., unless otherwise stated.

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COUNTY.	Date of Qualification of First Recorder.	RECORDS BURNT, MISSING, ETC
Anderson	July 25, 1846	
Angelina	July 31, 1846	Pages 309 to 323 torn out of book A.
Aransas	Dec. 29, 1871	
Archer	Aug. 10, 1880	
Atascosa	Aug. 20, 1856	
Austin	Mch. 27, 1837	
Bandera	Mch. 26, 1856	
Bastrop	Apr. 14, 1837	
Baylor	June 27, 1879	
Bee	Feb. 10, 1858	
Bell	Aug. 21, 1850	
Bexar	1837	
Blanco	May, 1858	Aug. 15, 1876, all records burnt.
Bosque	Aug. 28, 1854	
Bowie	Feb. 19, 1841	
Brazoria		First instrument filed for record Feb. 10, 1837.
Brazos		First instrument filed for record Apr. 26, 1841. The county was called "Navasota" prior to Jan. 28, 1842.
Brown	Aug. 28, 1858	Mch. 29, 1880, all records burnt except surveyor's and sheriff's records and tax rolls. Feb. 26, 1884, records of Dist. Clerk and Sheriff and part of tax rolls burnt.
Burleson		First instrument filed for record Aug. 15, 1846.
Burnet	Aug. 30, 1852	
Caldwell	Aug. 21, 1848	
Calhoun		First instrument recorded Aug. 28, 1846.
Callahan	July 30, 1877	
Cameron		First official act of first recorder Sep. 25, 1848. In 1854 books C and D were stolen, being records from Aug. 14, 1850, to Feb. 6, 1851.
Camp	July 8, 1874	
Cass	July 22, 1846	The county was called "Davis" from Dec. 17, 1861, to May 16, 1871.
Chambers	About Aug. 1858	Dec. 2, 1875, all records burnt.
Cherokee	Aug. 1, 1846	
Clay	Aug. 16, 1860	The county was abandoned in Fall of 1862, and all records taken to Montague county and there burnt Feb. 25, 1873. Clay county reorganized in 1873, and recorder qualified Aug. 9, 1873.
Coleman	Mch. 22, 1875	
Collin	Nov. 3, 1846	
Colorado	Feb. 10, 1837	
Comal	Sep. 21, 1846	
Comanche		First deed recorded June 2, 1856.
Cooke	Apr. 3, 1879	
Coryell	Aug. 7, 1848	
Dallas	Dec. 15, 1854	
Dallas	July 13, 1846	Feb. 3, 1880, all county court and probate court records, except land records, burnt.
Delta	Oct. 7, 1870	
Denton	July, 1846	Dec. 22, 1875, all records burnt.
De Witt	Aug. 21, 1846	
Dimmit	Nov. 16, 1880	
Donley	Apr. 11, 1882	
Duval	Dec. 4, 1876	
Eastland	Jan. 1, 1874	
Edwards	Oct. 3, 1883	
Ellis	Aug. 15, 1850	

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El Paso	First deed recorded Mech. 30, 1850. Pages 1 to 36, and 647 to end of book A and pages 1 and 2 of book B torn out "during the war."
Erath.....	1856	In latter part of 1866 all records burnt.
Falls.....	Oct. 10, 1850	Oct. 2, 1872, book K burnt.
Fannin.....	.....	Earliest recording done Feb. 20, 1838.
Fayette.....	Jan. 15, 1838.....	.....
Fort Bend.....	Jan., 1838.....	.....
Franklin.....	May 18, 1875.....	.....
Freestone....	Jan. 28, 1851.....	.....
Frio.....	Aug. 7, 1871.....	June, 1877, book B disappeared, probably stolen.
Galveston.....	.....	First instrument filed for record July 13, 1838.
Gillespie.....	1818.....	July 1, 1850, book A burnt.
Goliad.....	Spring of 1838.....	June 6, 1870, all records burnt except book H (which is badly mutilated) and except surveyor's records.
Gonzales.....	Jan. 29, 1838.....	.....
Grayson.....	.....	First deed recorded Sep. 4, 1846.
Gregg.....	July 11, 1873.....	.....
Grimes.....	1846.....	In Fall of 1848 all records burnt.
Guadalupe....	Aug. 7, 1846.....	.....
Hamilton....	About Aug., 1858.....	Sep. 10, 1863, book A burnt; books B and C badly injured, but were transcribed into book F.
Hardenman....	Jan. 5, 1885.....	.....
Hardin.....	.....	First official act of recorder was Sep. 11, 1858.
Harris.....	.....	First instrument filed for record Feb. 27, 1837.
Harrison.....	Nov. 27, 1839.....	The county was called "Harrisburg" prior to Dec. 28, 1839.
Haskell.....	Feb. 9, 1885.....	.....
Hays.....	Aug. 25, 1848.....	July 31, 1876, book A of mortgages, and pages 160 to 230 of book J burnt.
Henderson....	Aug. 1, 1846.....	Feb. 13, 1885, some district court records burnt; no land records burnt.
Hidalgo.....	Jan. 20, 1853.....	.....
Hill.....	1853.....	Sep. 17, 1872, book L burnt.
Hood.....	Dec., 1866.....	Mch. 5, 1875, all records burnt.
Hopkins.....	.....	First instrument filed for record Oct. 5, 1846.
Houston....	About Oct. 1, 1837.....	Feb. 2, 1865, all records burnt.
Howard.....	June 26, 1882.....	Nov. 13, 1882, books W, A, 1, 2, 3, 4, of records of deeds, and some other records of county clerk and district clerk burnt.
Hunt.....	July 28, 1846.....	.....
Jack.....	July 18, 1857.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....	First instrument filed for record Mch. 8, 1837.
Jasper.....	About 1839.....	Oct. 28, 1849, all records burnt.
Jefferson.....	.....	Earliest record is Mch. 20, 1837.
Johnson.....	Aug. 21, 1854.....	.....
Jones.....	July 7, 1881.....	.....
Karnes.....	About Feb., 1854.....	July, 1865, all records burnt, except district court records.
Kaufman.....	.....	First instrument filed for record Oct. 9, 1848.
Kendall.....	Mch. 8, 1862.....	.....
Kerr.....	Apr. 5, 1856.....	.....
Kimble.....	In 1876, or early in 1877.....	April 22, 1884, all records burnt.
Kinney.....	Nov. 17, 1872.....	.....
Lamar.....	Feb. 22, 1841.....	Pages 1 and 2 of book K, Vol. 1, missing.
Lampasas....	About Apr. 1856.....	Dec. 25, 1871, all records burnt.
LaSalle.....	Dec. 7, 1880.....	Sep. 27, 1873, all records, except part of book A, lost by "overflow."
Lavaca.....	July 31, 1846.....	.....
Lee.....	June 19, 1874.....	.....
Leon.....	Aug. 14, 1846.....	.....
Liberty.....	1837.....	Dec. 11, 1874, all records burnt.
Limestone....	About Aug., 1846.....	Oct. 24, 1873, all records burnt, except surveyor's records.
Live Oak.....	Aug., 1856.....	First two or three months of records of deeds almost illegible.
Llano.....	About Aug., 1856.....	Dec. 12, 1874, books A, B, C, D, E, burnt.
McCulloch....	Jan. 10, 1876.....	Oct. 17, 1880, books A, B, C, D, E, F, burnt.
McLennan....	Aug. 24, 1850.....	.....
McMullen....	Jan. 5, 1877.....	The county was probably organized about 1862, and abandoned; reorganized again in 1871, but abandoned before any deeds were recorded.
Madison.....	Early in 1853.....	Book D was stolen. June 5, 1865, all records burnt. Jan. 20, 1873, all records burnt.
Marion.....	Mch. 24, 1860.....	.....
Mason.....	.....	First instrument filed for record Sep. 8, 1858.
Matagorda....	Feb. 15, 1837.....	Jan. 21, 1877, books C and E and all papers and court dockets and minutes burnt.
Maverick.....	Aug. 1, 1871.....
Medina.....	First deed recorded Sep. 5, 1848.
Monard.....	May 8, 1871.....

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Midland	July 8, 1885.	
Milam	About Mch. 1, 1837	Apr. 9, 1874, all records burnt.
Mitchell	Jan. 25, 1881.	
Montague		First recorder elected Aug. 2, 1858. Feb. 25, 1873, all record books of district and county court burnt. Mch. 31, 1884, all surveyor's and part of district court records burnt.
Montgomery		First deed recorded Feb. 27, 1838. Pages 435, 436, 437 and 438 cut out of book E.
Morris	May 31, 1875.	
Nacogdoches	Feb. or Mch., 1837.	First instrument filed for record Mch. 20, 1837. Some "Archive" instruments missing.
Navarro	July 31, 1846.	Fall of 1855, records of commissioner's and district court burnt.
Newton	Aug. 1, 1846.	
Nolan	Jan. 28, 1881.	
Nueces	July 29, 1846.	
Oldham	Jan. 12, 1881.	
Orange	Apr. 5, 1852.	
Palo Pinto	May 13, 1857.	
Panola	July 27, 1846.	
Parker		First recorder elected Mch. 11, 1856. May 13, 1874, all records burnt, except surveyor's and some of treasurer's records.
Pecos	Apr. 6, 1875.	
Polk	Aug. 8, 1846.	
Presidio	About July 15, 1875.	
Bains	About Nov. 1, 1870	First instrument filed for record Dec. 9, 1870. Nov. 20, 1879, all records burnt.
Red River	Jan. 29, 1838.	Feb., 1875, book U stolen. Pages 179 to end of book A missing.
Reeves	Dec. 24, 1884.	
Refugio	1839, or before.	A few pages in beginning of books A and C missing.
Robertson	About Mch. 27, 1838	First instrument filed for record Apr. 23, 1838. In 1872 some old probate and some old district court papers burnt.
Rockwall	Apr. 18, 1873.	Mch. 16, 1875, all records burnt.
Runnels	Feb. 28, 1880.	
Rusk	Feb. 28, 1843.	Mch. 5, 1878, books B, C, D, E, burnt.
Sabine	1837.	Nov. 22, 1875, all records burnt.
St. Augustine	1837.	
San Jacinto	Nov. 11, 1870.	
San Patricio		First instrument filed for record May 17, 1847.
San Saba	June, 1856.	First deed recorded June 30, 1856. In 1869, district court minutes destroyed by a "storm."
Seurry	July 10, 1884.	
Stackleford	Sep. 28, 1874.	
Shelby		First instrument filed for record Apr. 25, 1837. June 1, 1882, all records burnt.
Smith	Aug. 10, 1846.	
Somervell	Apr. 25, 1875.	
Starr	Aug. 29, 1848.	
Stephens	June 1, 1876.	
Tarrant	1851 or 1852.	Mch. 29, 1876, all records burnt except book G of wills, etc.
Taylor	July 16, 1878.	
Throckmorton	Mch. 31, 1879.	
Titus		First deed recorded Dec. 2, 1846.
Tom Green	Jan. 30, 1875.	
Travis		First instrument recorded Feb. 20, 1840.
Trinity	About Jan. 1, 1852	Dec. 1872, all records burnt. Feb., 1876, all records, except records of deeds, burnt. Mch., 1880, minutes of district court, made since last burning, missing.
Tyler		First instrument filed for record Sep. 16, 1846. In 1862 probate record, book D, stolen. In 1861 or 1862 probate record, book A, disappeared.
Upshur	Sep. 30, 1846.	
Uvalde	May 12, 1856.	
Val Verde	May 16, 1885.	
Van Zandt	Aug. 24, 1848.	Book A missing.
Victoria	Jan. 30, 1838.	
Walker	Aug. 3, 1846.	
Waller	Aug. 26, 1873.	
Washington	1837.	
Webb	About Nov. 1848.	Some leaves torn in records of deeds, etc., of 1861 to 1867.
Wharton		First instrument filed for record Sep. 7, 1846.
Wheeler	May 19, 1879.	
Wichita	July 10, 1882.	
Wilbarger	Nov. 1, 1881.	
Williamson		First instrument filed for record Sep. 25, 1848.
Wilson	Aug. 16, 1860.	
Wise	May 15, 1856.	Nov. 25, 1881, probate minutes burnt.
Wood	About Aug. 18, 1850	First instrument filed for record Sep. 11, 1850. Dec. 11, 1878, all records burnt, except book E of surveyor's records.
Young	Aug. 18, 1856.	
Zapata	About Apr. 1858.	In 1863 all records destroyed by "military."
Zavalla	Mch. 17, 1884.	

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